GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:942
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2007
LINKING OF IRON ORE MINES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has signed a MoU with Indian Railways to link various iron ore mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steel plants likely to be connected by rail in the country;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project; and

(d) the expenditure to be shared by various agencies in the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 942 BY SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL AND SHRI SUGRIB SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2007 REGARDING LINKING OF IRON ORE MINES IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed among the Ministry of Railways, Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and the then State Government of Madhya Pradesh on 02.04.1998 for construction of Dalli-Rajhara− Rowghat−Jagdalpur new line project on cost sharing basis. The new line will connect Bailadila iron ore mines and ensure sustained iron ore supply to SAIL's Bhilai Steel Plant. However, the work could not be taken up as SAIL did not deposit the cost of construction of Dalli- Rajhara−Rowghat (95 Kms) segment. A revised MOU on this project has been finalized to be signed shortly among the Ministry of Railways, SAIL, NMDC and the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

(c): The revised cost of Dalli-Rajhara−Rowghat−Jagdalpur new line project is Rs. 968.60 crore (at 2004−05 price level).

(d): The share in the updated cost of Rs. 968.60 crore (at 2004−05 price level) has been assessed to be Rs. 445.60 crore for SAIL, Rs. 70.70 crore for NMDC, Rs. 76.30 crore for the State Government of Chhattisgarh and Rs. 376 crore for the Railways.